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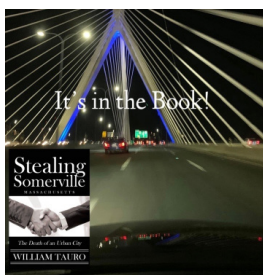
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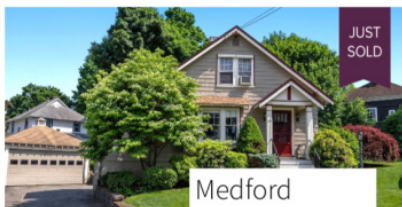
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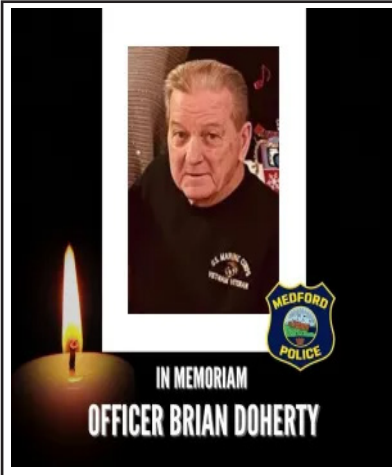
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### MEDFORD REMEMBERING RETIRED OFFICER BRIAN DOHERTY



It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of retired Officer Brian Doherty. Officer Doherty passed away Wednesday, May 8, 2024. He was 76 years old.

Officer Doherty worked for the Medford Police Department for 32 years.

He first joined the department on September 8, 1980. He retired from the Medford Police Department on June 30, 2012.

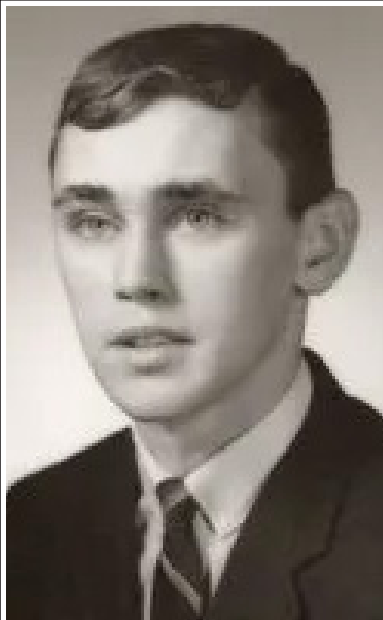
Officer Brian Doherty is the father of Officer Derek Doherty. He is also uncle to Officer Patrick Doherty, brother to both Captain

Alan Doherty (Ret.) and former Lieutenant Thomas Doherty and son to Officer Francis Patrick Doherty, all of the Medford Police Department.

We send our deepest condolences to Officer Doherty's family during this difficult time.

Rest in peace, Officer Brian Doherty. Thank you for your years of dedicated service to the City of Medford.

### SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD REMEMBERING D.LEO MAHONEY



**Obituary**

Mahoney, D.Leo – 76, On May 12, 2024 after a short illness, life long resident of Somerville.

Leo was the son of the beloved late Edward and Mary (Sullivan) Mahoney. He grew up in West Somerville in a hoe with loving parents, four brothers, a sister and a doting grandmother and aunt. He graduated from Somerville High School,

Class of 1967. He was a long term employee of Verizon. In retirement, he enjoyed caring for his beloved dog, Happy, keeping up with national politics and following the NFL.

The devoted brother of Edward, Jack and Kevin Mahoney, his sister Maryanne O'Connell and his late brother Robert Mahoney. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Leo will be remembered as a communicant at St. Clement Church, a lifelong New York Giants fan and as a loveable curmudgeon worse bark was worse than his bit.

Calling hours will be held on Monday, May 20th in the George L. Doherty Funeral Home 855 Broadway (Powder House SQ.) Somerville, from 9:30AM to 10:30AM. Followed by a funeral mass in St. Clement Church, 64 Warner St., Medford at

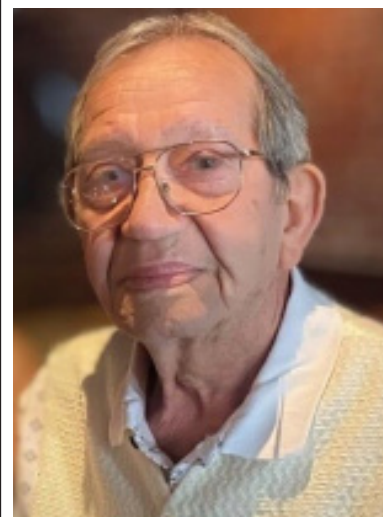
10:30AM.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend.

Services will conclude with burial at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made in Leo's name to Northeast Animal Shelter 347 Highland Ave., Salem, MA 01970 or to CHA Foundation, 350 Main St, 5th floor, Malden, MA

### SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD REMEMBERING ERNESTO GEORGE UCCELLO



**Obituary**

Uccello, Ernesto George – Of Somerville May 8, 2024. Beloved husband of the late Paola L. (Caruso) Uccello.

Loving father of Carmella Linda Powell and her husband Todd of Georgia, Lucia C. Barrows of

Somerville, Urbano R. Uccello and his wife Pauline of Somerville.

Dear grandfather of Brandon A. Barrows.

Brother of Lucia, Yolanda the late Maria, Angelo, Armando, Antonino, Pippo and Michele.

Funeral procession from the George L. Doherty Funeral Home, 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) Somerville, Monday, May 13th at 10:30, followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Ann Church, Somerville at 11:00.

Relatives and friends invited.

Visiting hours at the Funeral Home, Monday morning, 8:30 – 10:30.

Interment, Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.

### SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD REMEMBERING BRIAN P. DOHERTY



**Obituary**

Doherty, Brian P. – Retired Medford Police Officer of 32 years- Of Medford, passed away surrounded by his loving family on Wednesday, May 8, 2024. He was 76 years old.

Born in Medford, he was the son of the late MPD Sgt. Francis P. and Evelyn T. (MacLean) Doherty. Brian enjoyed the simpler things in life. He loved his family dearly especially his beloved grandchildren. He would always boast with pride about all their accomplishments. On his down time you could find him in The Garage with a Miller Lite in one hand, the tv remote in the other and his best friend Mikey Lopez by his side. He enjoyed fishing and most of all his trips to Colebrook and Pittsburgh NH with his beloved wife Jane where she famously pulled her trophy fish at "The Shrine Hole" earning her life long bragging rights. He was a proud Marine and served his country in The Vietnam War. He

later served his community for 32 years as a Medford Police Officer where his legacy is well respected to this day. His badge number 137 lives on and is proudly worn by his son Officer Derek Doherty who carries on the Doherty tradition. He was a man of few words and the king of the one liner. His sense of humor was as dry as toast. He was known by his friends as "B." He was a husband, a father, a friend, and a Papa. He will be missed dearly, but he leaves behind countless funny memories that will be talked about for years to come and the Legend of "B" will live on in infamy.

Beloved husband of Jane M. (Ward) Doherty. Devoted father of Derek Doherty of

Medford and David Doherty and his wife Stephanie of Wilmington. Loving grandfather of Madalyn Anne and Brian Robert Doherty. Cherished brother of Alan Doherty and his wife Jane, Maureen Fowler and her late husband Daniel C., Patricia Cashman and her husband Steve and the late Thomas K Doherty. Dear brother-in-law of Nancy Natale and her husband Ed, the late William F. Ward jr. and Cathleen R. Ward. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Calling Hours will be held in the George L. Doherty Funeral Home 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) on SUNDAY, MAY 12th from 2:00PM to 5:00PM.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend.

Words of remembrances will be held on Sunday at 4:30PM.

Interment will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made in Brian's name to Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8516.



### SOMERVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT PROMOTION

Lt. C. Darrel Richardson was promoted to the rank of Captain at the May 9th City Council meeting. Captain Richardson is a 22 year member of the Somerville Fire Department.

C. Darrel Richardson is seen with Chief Charles Breen following his promotion ceremony at City Hall on May 9, 2024.) Photo courtesy of Somerville FD.



(Newly promoted Captain

### MEDFORD WORLD WAR II NAVY VETERAN TURNS 100 YEARS OLD

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On Saturday, a group of officers helped to escort Medford resident, Francis St. Germain from his home to his birthday party at the Saugus Elks. Fran turned 100 years old on May 6th.

He is a World War II Navy veteran and our officers, who are also fellow Navy veterans, were privileged to assist in the escort.



### ALL MEDFORD

By William Tauro

Attending tonight's second meeting of "ALL MEDFORD" tonight at the Medford-Malden Elks Club. ALL MEDFORD is a group of residents organizing to keep MEDFORD informed about important issues that affect your housing as well as issues that affect your quality of life here in Medford.

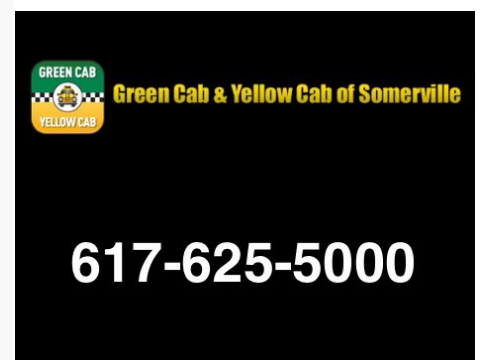
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# TEAMSTERS APPLAUD SOMERVILLE CITY COUNCIL VOTE TO STOP MISCLASSIFICATION OF WORKERS

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(SOMERVILLE, MA) — Teamsters Local 25 praised the Somerville City Council today for its unanimous vote to pass a resolution aimed at stopping Uber, Lyft, Doordash and other so-called ‘gig’ companies from abusing drivers by misclassifying them as independent contractors.

The full City Council voted in favor of a resolution calling on the Massachusetts Legislature to pass the Act, “Establishing Protections and Accountability for Transportation Network Company (TNC) and Delivery Network Company (DNC) Workers.” The resolution was

co-sponsored by City Council President Ben Ewen-Campen of Ward 3 and Ward 4 Councilor Jesse Clingan and was passed by a vote of 11-0.

The Teamsters previously endorsed legislation (S.627/H.1158) authored by State Senator Lydia Edwards (D-Third Suffolk) and State Representative Andy Vargas (D-Third Essex) that would protect union members from having their compensation and benefits undercut by bad employers by extending collective bargaining rights to workers at app-based companies while simultaneously strengthening

state and federal statutes that protect employees from being misclassified as independent contractors.

“Thank you to the Somerville City Council for standing up and fighting back against the abuse of the workers and taxpayers of Massachusetts,” said Tom Mari, President of Teamsters Local 25. “Big Tech and billion-dollar companies like Uber and Lyft are denying their workforce fair wages, benefits, and job protections and externalizing their labor costs onto the public while reaping enormous profits. They must be held accountable like every

other company.”

In its resolution, the Somerville City Council makes clear that TNC and DNC companies are currently misclassifying drivers as independent contractors and pointed to the lawsuit filed against these companies by the Massachusetts Attorney General for wage theft and misclassification because the drivers are employees. The resolution also notes that Uber, Lyft, Doordash and others are using misclassification to avoid contributing to social programs such as unemployment workers’ compensation and the paid family medical leave funded

by all other employers. It also highlighted a recent financial assessment of TNCs which found that during a period of ten years, hundreds of millions of dollars were owed to Massachusetts benefit programs. In 2023 alone, Uber and Lyft earned \$1.4 Billion but contributed nothing to Massachusetts benefit programs, owing the Commonwealth \$47 Million.

Founded in 1903, Teamsters Local 25 represents over 12,500 workers in a wide variety of industries throughout the Greater Boston area. For more information, go to [teamsterslocal25.com](http://teamsterslocal25.com).

## SOMERVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT MAKING DREAMS COME TRUE

We recently had a friend named Nick come by our station, his mom takes him around to different communities to see police and fire departments.

Firefighter Higgins and Lt Donovan showed him all the toys, got him a patch and a t-shirt for his collection. Hope to see you again soon Nick!



## MEDFORD VFW POST 1012 HAS A NEW COMMANDER

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If there is anything in particular you would like to see from us or if you need help preparing food at home for your families please reach out and we will do

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### 3RD ANNUAL COMMUNITY ADDICTION AWARENESS EVENT AT PREMIERE ON BROADWAY IN SOMERVILLE, WONDERFUL PEOPLE DOING AMAZING THINGS

By William Tauro

It was a fantastic night tonight, this Wednesday evening at the 3rd annual Community Addiction Awareness Event at Premiere on Broadway!

There were guest speakers, raffles, appetizers, cake, desserts, speakers, a lot of emotional speakers and a lot of emotion running high throughout the building tonight as it happened. Tonight was a wonderful example of wonderful people doing amazing things together.

It was a night of compassion and community accomplishments, as they hosted a meaningful Addiction Awareness Event. It's an evening dedicated to enlightenment and support, blending insightful discussions with our comforting culinary delights. It was a perfect night all around.



### SOMERVILLE HS STUDENTS VISIT CHA

### CAMBRIDGE HOSPITAL OPERATING ROOM TO LEARN ABOUT SURGICAL CAREERS

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Cambridge Health Alliance, a community health system serving Cambridge, Somerville, and Boston's metro-north communities, recently hosted an exciting event for local students interested in healthcare careers. As part of CHA's Career Pathways Program, high school students from Somerville participated in a special Saturday Program at CHA Cambridge Hospital.

On Saturday, April 27, the students visited the CHA Cambridge Hospital Operating Room to learn more about CHA's Robotic and Minimally Invasive Surgery programs. This included hands-on experience in a simulated environment with CHA's DaVinci Xi surgical robot, Stryker Mako robot and other surgical devices used in the operating room. Students met with surgical professionals, includ-

ing representatives from Intuitive Surgical, Stryker and Medtronic, to learn various techniques and discover career options in the field.

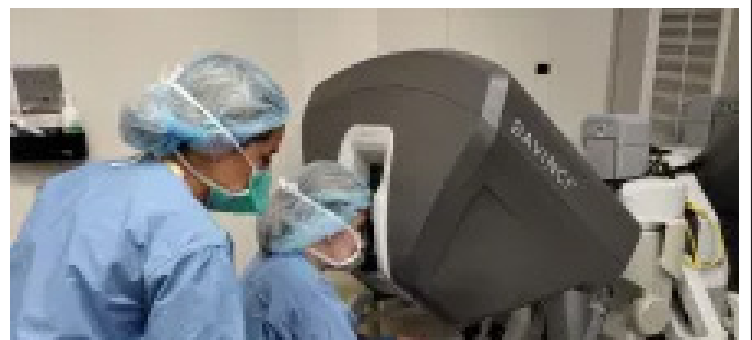
CHA has hired 12 Somerville youth and young adults as Career Pathways Fellows who gain early career exposure, career readiness and workforce development skills, with mentorship as well as weekly professional development programming. All CPP Fellows have worksite placements across CHA in areas including pharmacy, radiology, in patient psychiatry, dentistry, and more. Through this program Fellows will earn certifications including Teen Mental Health First Aid, CPR, and other useful skills to advance their healthcare career knowledge and skills for employment.

"Opportunities like the Cambridge OR visit are among the rich expe-

riences the CPP Fellows are accessing during their time at CHA that expand their career aspirations and where they can see themselves in the future," said Jaime Lederer, CHA's director of community health youth initiatives. "CHA is committed to expanding healthcare career access for residents in the communities we serve."

Cambridge Health Alliance would like to thank the multiple surgeons, nurses, vendors and community health staff who volunteered their time to make this day and special program possible.

The CHA Career Pathways Program received support from an American Rescue Plan Act grant from the City of Somerville and the Cummings Foundation.



### JOIN 'SLICE OF THE CITY' MEET-UP EVENTS NEXT WEEK: WARD 7 (5/13) & WARD 5 (5/16) SLICE OF THE CITY

The 'Slice of the City' spring meet-up series is an opportunity to connect and engage with City leaders and staff as well as neighbors, all while enjoying Somerville's parks. Events continue next week with meet-ups in Wards 7 and 5.

Ward 7 includes West Somerville, Teele Square, and more. Ward 5 includes Magoun Square, northeast Ball Square, Cedar and Lowell St. areas, northwest

Porter Square, and more. Not sure what ward you live in? Use the My Somerville lookup tool to find out.

All events run from 5 to 7 p.m. Pizza and refreshments will be served, and Somerville Recreation will have activities for children available. In the event of inclement weather, rain locations will be announced via the City's communication channels.

WARD 7, Monday, May 13,

5 p.m.: Join Mayor Ballantyne, Ward 7 Councilor Judy Pineda Neufeld, At-Large Councilors, and City Staff at Lou Ann David Park, 1060 Broadway.

WARD 5, Thursday, May 16, 5 p.m.: Join Mayor Ballantyne, Ward 5 Councilor Naima Sait, At-Large Councilors, and City Staff at Trum Field Playground, 1 Franey Road (at Cedar St.).





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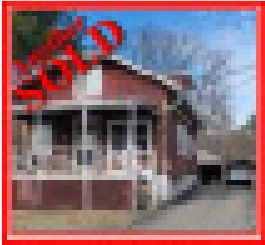


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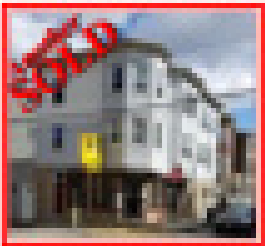


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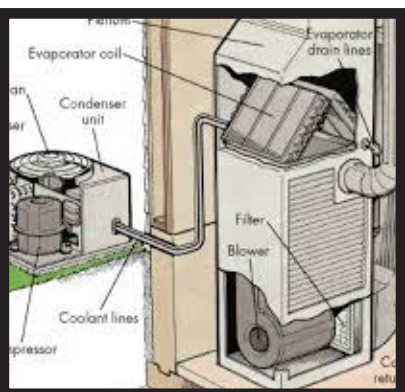
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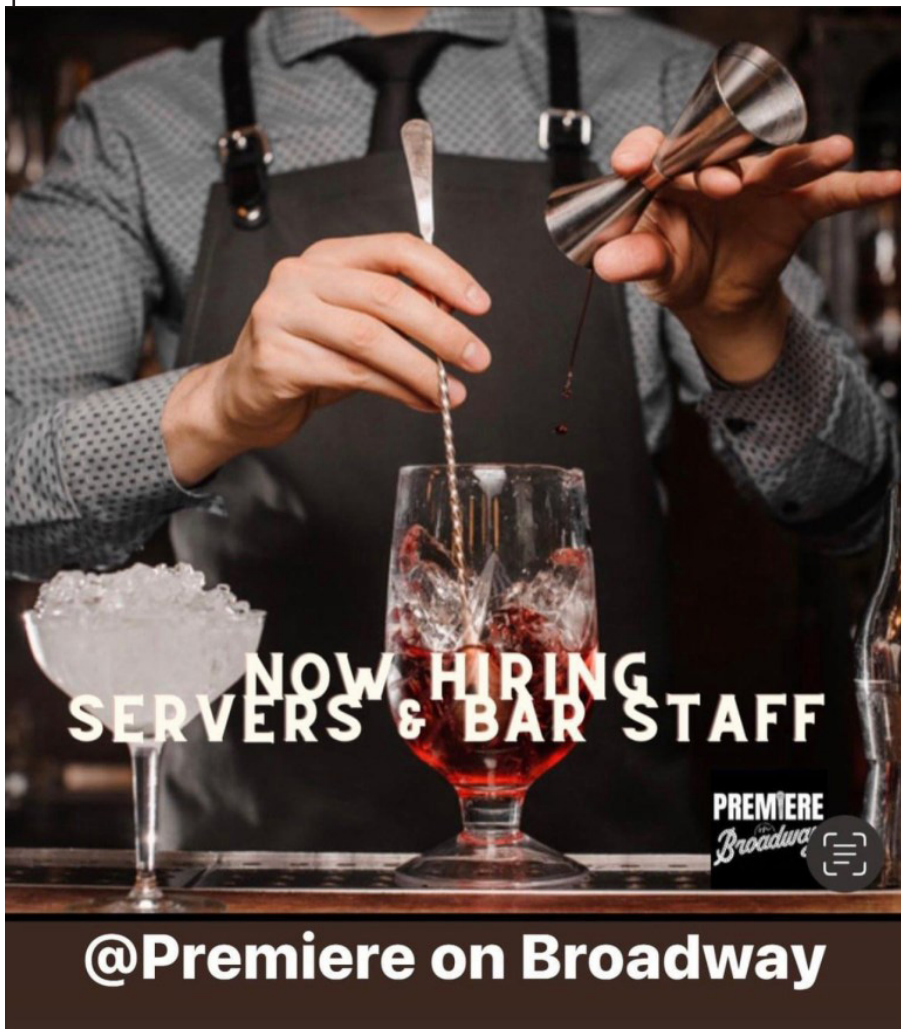
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## FIRST NEW ENGLAND HONG KONG FESTIVAL COMES TO UNION SQUARE, SATURDAY, MAY 18

SOMERVILLE – Mayor Katjana Ballantyne invites the Somerville community to join the first New England Hong Kong Festival on Saturday, May 18 from 4 to 8 p.m. (rain date May 19) at 90 Union Square. The event is organized by the volunteer-led New England Hong Kong Festival team in collaboration with the City of Somerville, Somerville Arts Council, and the SomerViva

Office of Immigrant Affairs. The festival celebrates Hong Kong culture in honor of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month. Event highlights include:  
Free games and cultural activities including dragon boat display and demonstration, chess, shuttlecock, button-making,

story-sharing.  
Vendor booths offering Asian and Hong Kong-inspired, food, art, toys, books, and crafts for purchase from small local businesses.  
A lion dance performance by Woo Ching.  
Musical performances by Golden Voices Music and

Opera Club, Juksing, Barry and friends, and Nicole showcasing Cantonese opera, Cantopop covers, originals, and Cantonese classics.  
Informational booths staffed by the Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center and SomerViva Office of Immigrant Affairs.  
This event is part of the Somerville ArtsUnion series an

initiative supported by the City of Somerville to enhance the cultural economic development of Union Square.  
For more information about the New England Hong Kong Festival, including updates on vendors, activities and performances, visit <http://www.newenglandhkfest.com>

## MAYOR KATJANA BALLANTYNE ANNOUNCING NEW SOMERVILLE SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Continued from front page

SOMERVILLE – Mayor Katjana Ballantyne is announcing the members of the School Building Committee (SBC) who will provide oversight of the City's construction plans for a new school to meet the needs of the Winter Hill Community Innovation School and potentially the Benjamin G. Brown School.

The members will work with City and Somerville Public Schools staff and consultants to oversee construction project management such as hiring project managers, architects, and construction contractors, and ensure that detailed plans and designs meet the needs of the school district within budget.

Learn more about the SBC members, their roles and their areas of expertise below:  
Emily Grandstaff-Rice will fill the role of: Community member with architecture, engineering, and/or construction experience. Emily is a registered architect in Massachusetts who holds leadership positions in several state and national professional organizations and served on the City of Cambridge Getting to NetZero Energy Task Force. Emily has designed and managed dozens of academic building projects, including two successful MSBA-funded elementary schools and the first triple net zero (waste, water, and energy) charter school in Massachusetts. Emily holds an accreditation as a Learning Environment Planner and has direct experience with the full

range of MSBA requirements.  
Daniel Grayton will fill the role of: Community member with understanding of municipal finance and how spending impacts the total burden on tax- and rate-payers Daniel holds a B.A. in Politics & Government and served as City Councilor-at-Large in Methuen, responsible for approval and oversight of an annual \$150M operating budget. Since 2017, Daniel has worked for the City of Amesbury where he served in progressively more responsible roles in administering the MSBA process from eligibility through the end of construction for the Sgt. Jordan Shay Memorial Lower Elementary School.  
Courtney Koslow will fill the role of: Parent or guardian from the Winter Hill Community Innovation School.  
Courtney is the parent of a rising 5th Grader at the WHCIS, has been an active member of and has received an endorsement by the Winter Hill PTA, and has served on the school's Governing Board advocating for building improvements. Courtney's community focus is evidenced by her prior service on the Community Preservation Committee and her current appointment to the Somerville Commission for Energy Use and Climate Change. In her professional life, Courtney oversees all facets of development for large-scale, affordable and mixed-income rental properties.

Richard Heidebrecht will fill the role of: Parent or guardian from the Benjamin G. Brown School. This fall, Richard will have three children in the Brown and has received an endorsement from the Brown School PTA to serve as their representative on the SBC. In his work in the biotechnology space and having served on a condominium association for nearly 20 years, Richard has extensive experience navigating complex problems with diverse teams and reaching consensus.  
Additionally, Mayor Ballantyne's call for School Committee volunteers resulted in an outstanding pool of applicants, each of which would contribute helpful experience and beneficial perspectives to the SBC.  
In order to maximize the impact of the SBC, the Mayor has decided to include two additional at-large roles on the Committee:  
Hanna Bao is a parent to two SPS students and is interested in contributing to the community. She co-owns a small local company that specializes in home renovations, understands how a project requires expertise from different fields and has experience working with a team to achieve common goals.  
Suraj Rajbanshi is a parent to two SPS students and is passionate about education, especially building a new school that will serve the diverse needs of the City's future students. Suraj worked in the field of civil engineering for over

12 years before emigrating to the US in 2008, building significant experience in construction project management..  
Background on the School Building Committee  
The Somerville Public Schools have been accepted into the first phase of the Massachusetts School Building Authority's (MSBA) grant program. The grant program could potentially provide significant state funding for the rebuilding or new construction of a new school. This state funding program requires that all applicants establish an SBC according to state guidelines.  
The full list of all members of the School Building Committee includes:  
Name  
SBC Role  
Richard E. Raiche, Director of Infrastructure and Management, Interim Chair  
SBC Member who is MCPPO Certified  
Katjana Ballantyne, Mayor of Somerville  
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Andre Green, Ward 4 School Committee Member  
School Committee Member  
Dr. Ruben Carmona  
Superintendent of Schools  
Jill Lathan, Commissioner of DPW  
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Courtney Gosselin, WHCIS Principal  
School Principal  
Kathleen Seward, Coordinator for K-8 Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment  
Member knowledgeable in educational mission and function of faculty  
Edward Bean, Finance Director/Auditor  
Local Budget Official or Member of Local Finance Committee  
Emily Grandstaff-Rice, Architect  
Member of Community with Architecture, Engineering, and/or Construction Experience  
Jesse Clingan, Somerville City Council  
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Shawn Maguire, Brown School Principal  
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Courtney Koslow  
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Richard Heidebrecht  
Brown School Parent  
Daniel Grayton  
Resident with Municipal Finance Experience  
Hanna Bao  
Resident and SPS Parent with Development Experience  
Suraj Rajbanshi  
Resident and SPS Parent with Engineering Background  
For more information on the Winter Hill Community Innovation School construction project, please visit [somervillema.gov/WHCIS](http://somervillema.gov/WHCIS).



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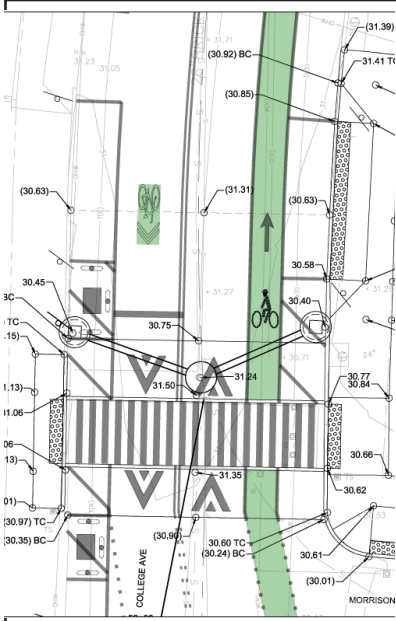
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construction progress and upgrades to come. The project aims to reduce water pollution, address flooding, and modernize Somerville's infrastructure. Once utility work on Highland Avenue (including Eversource's Gas Main upgrade project) is done, interim paving of eastern Highland Avenue can begin.

The meeting will take place Wednesday, May 15, at 6 p.m. Visit [somervillema.gov/springhill](http://somervillema.gov/springhill) to learn more and attend the meeting. For those unable to attend, a recording of the presentation will be available on the project website, as well as on City YouTube and the City's GovTV channels.

At the meeting, City staff will review progress made to date and present an overview of the work planned

for this upcoming spring and summer. Featured updates include a review of recent sewer/drainage utility upgrades along Summer Street between School Street and Bow Street and a look ahead to streetscape improvements beginning later this spring on Central Street. Following the presentation, residents will have the opportunity to ask questions about the project and construction process.

Somerville's Spring Hill neighborhood is currently served by a combined sewer system, which collects both wastewater and stormwater runoff in the same pipes. Through the Sewer Separation project, the City is working to upgrade these systems by installing new storm drains that separate stormwater from the existing combined sewer.

In addition to the under-

ground utility improvements, this project will also install street safety improvements and green infrastructure throughout the neighborhood. Green infrastructure includes trees as well as drainage features designed to mimic natural processes such as irrigated planting areas, bioretention basins with select soils and plants that catch and filter stormwater.

This project is one in a series of actions the City is undertaking to reduce water pollution, address flooding, and modernize Somerville's infrastructure. Construction began in 2022 and is expected to continue through 2025.

Highland Avenue Interim Paving

Following completion of utility work on Highland Avenue, the City will be

paving the two travel lanes of the roadway (approximately 28-feet wide). This partial paving, which does not include the parking areas next to the curbs, is intended to restore the road surface travel areas. This is an interim measure to support safe travel for all users of the road until the full redesign and reconstruction of Highland Avenue. Paving is on schedule to occur in early summer of 2024. This interim paving is expected to extend from roughly McGrath Highway to Benton Road.

Get the Spring/Summer Construction Schedule and Updates on Ongoing Streetscape Improvements and Spring Tree Plantings

SOMERVILLE - The Spring Hill Sewer Separation project is well underway, and Mayor Katjana Ballantyne and Ward 3 Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen invite you to join a virtual community meeting to learn about



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With all of your generous support through the years we have raised \$475,000. My goal this year with your generous support is to raise \$25,000.

The MSUD Family Support Group, of which I am a Director, has made research a top priority. We hope in the not too distant future to have some promising news. I have no idea what God's plan is for me, but I will continue riding and trying to make a difference to all children and adults with MSUD in Scotts memory.

I would be remiss if I didn't give a special shout out to our friend Charlie O'Rouke. He has been helping raise research money through a Golf Tournament for 20 years and now sells chances

for our annual 50/50 raffle.

As I get older my faith in God, my family and you my friends are a blessing to me.

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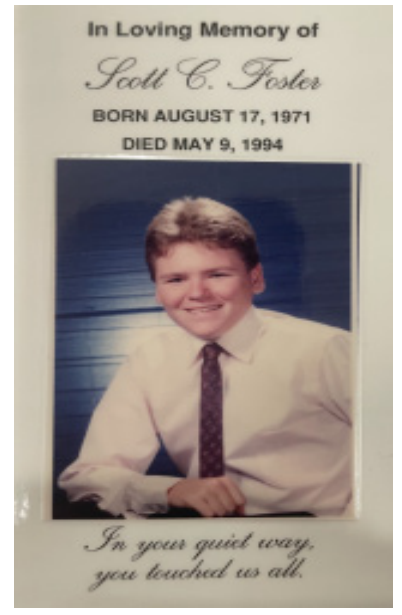
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### CITY OF SOMERVILLE CIVIC DAY

On Saturday April 27 the Community Affairs Unit was able to participate in the City of Somerville's Civic Day.

We were able to interact with our community and explain all of the resources we can provide. We were able to answer all of the

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## JOIN THE SOMERVILLE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION OR COMMISSION FOR WOMEN



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The Human Rights Commission is seeking five members, four seats with 3-year terms and one with a 2-year term. The Commis-

sion works with the City's Office of Racial and Social Justice to help end unlawful discrimination. Learn more about the Human Rights Commission and apply by September 30.

The Somerville Commission for Women is seeking two new members. The Commission works with the City's Office of Racial and Social

Justice to address women's issues in Somerville. Learn more about the Commission for Women and apply by September 30.

Neither of these quite right for you? Check somervillema.gov/BeSomerville to stay up to date on opportunities with all of our boards and commissions.

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homeless and less fortunate.  
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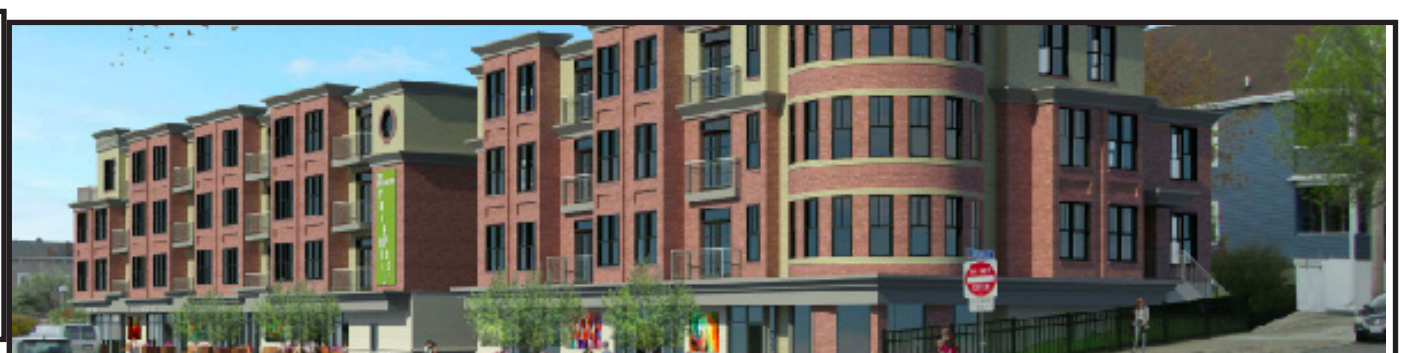
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By William Tauro

I had a blast today as an invited guest at the grand opening of the new Ho Win Palace Chinese Restaurant that's located at 269 Middlesex Ave, Medford, MA (The old Tiki Island Restaurant).

The inside has been completely renovated and is beautiful and looks fresh, with spectacular service. Great food and yummy too.

At today's grand opening event Medford Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn along with Massachusetts State Representative Paul Donato, members of the Medford Chamber of Commerce were there for the ribbon cutting ceremony, members of the Medford community and patrons as well as for the "Traditional Chinese Lions Dance Members" to welcome them to the neighborhood.



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SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD REMEMBERING EDWARD J. PITTS



Obituary

Pitts, Edward J. – Of Somerville, passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 11, 2024 at home. He was 90 years old.

Born in Cambridge, he was the son of the late Edward

and Josephine (Sullivan) Pitts. Edward was a family man. He enjoyed spending time with his family. When his grandchildren were younger, he would always be the first one to get on the floor and play with them. Seeing their laughter and smiles always brought joy to him. As they got older and started to have their own children, he would do the same with his great-grandchildren. He would always say, that is what keeps him young. His career as a millworker, made him a handy man. He loves to tinker with things around the house or even fix a bicycle or two. Edward loved to BBQ and if you invited him over for a BBQ, you knew he was going to

come in and take control and become the grill master for the evening. He also enjoyed golfing, a good crossword puzzle, playing pool and bowling. But one thing, he enjoyed most of all was spending time with his beloved wife Barbara. They traveled the world together and explored many new places. Edwards love and passion for his family will be greatly missed.

Beloved husband of 68 years to Barbara A. (Daly) Pitts. Devoted father of Dennis Pitts and his fiancé Judith Brown of Somerville, Claire Harrington and her husband Brian of Billerica. Kenneth Pitts and his husband Chris of Marlboro, David Pitts and

his wife Mary of Clinton, Irene Reilly and her husband Michael of Concord and the late Edward Pitts and his surviving wife Carol. Cherished grandfather of Michael Harrington and his wife Loreal, Sean Harrington and his partner Julie, and Kevin Harrington and his wife Danielle, Samantha Reed and her husband Ben, James and Erin Reilly. Great-grandfather of Elizabeth, Abreal, MJ, Lindsey and Rylee. Dear brother of the late Harold Pitts and Katherine Perrault. Also survived by many loving in-laws, nieces and nephews

A funeral procession will be held from the George L. Doherty Funeral Home 855

Broadway (Powder House Sq.) on THURSDAY, May 16 at 9:00AM. Followed by a funeral mass celebrated in St. Clement Church, 64 Warner St., Medford at 10:00AM.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend.

Calling hours will be held on Wednesday from 4:00PM to 7:00PM.

Services will conclude with interment at St. Paul Cemetery, Arlington.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made in Edwards name to Alzheimer's Association 309 Waverley Oaks Rd, Waltham, MA 02452.

SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD REMEMBERING JOHN F. MAINEY



Obituary

John Francis Mainey passed away suddenly on May 7, 2024 at the age of 75, he was a lifelong resident of Somerville.

Born in Everett he was the son of the late Dennis J. and Anna M. (Tipton) Mainey. He was the beloved husband of the late

Susan Mainey (Burns) – and the brother of the late Robert Mainey of Tewksbury. He is survived by his brother James Mainey of Medford, MA and his close cousin Margaret of Merrimack, NH along with nephews, nieces, and cousins.

John attended Somerville High School until he enlisted in the US Army

where he served until 1969. He then worked for the City of Somerville where he held many positions before his retirement. John was a dedicated member of both the Dilboy VFW Post 529 & the Disabled American Veterans of Somerville, where he enjoyed his weekly game of pool with many former high school friends. He was an avid

Boston sports fan with a large collection of team hats – and enjoyed many classic car events.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, beginning at 1pm at George Dilboy VFW Post 529, 351 Summer Street in Somerville, MA (club area).

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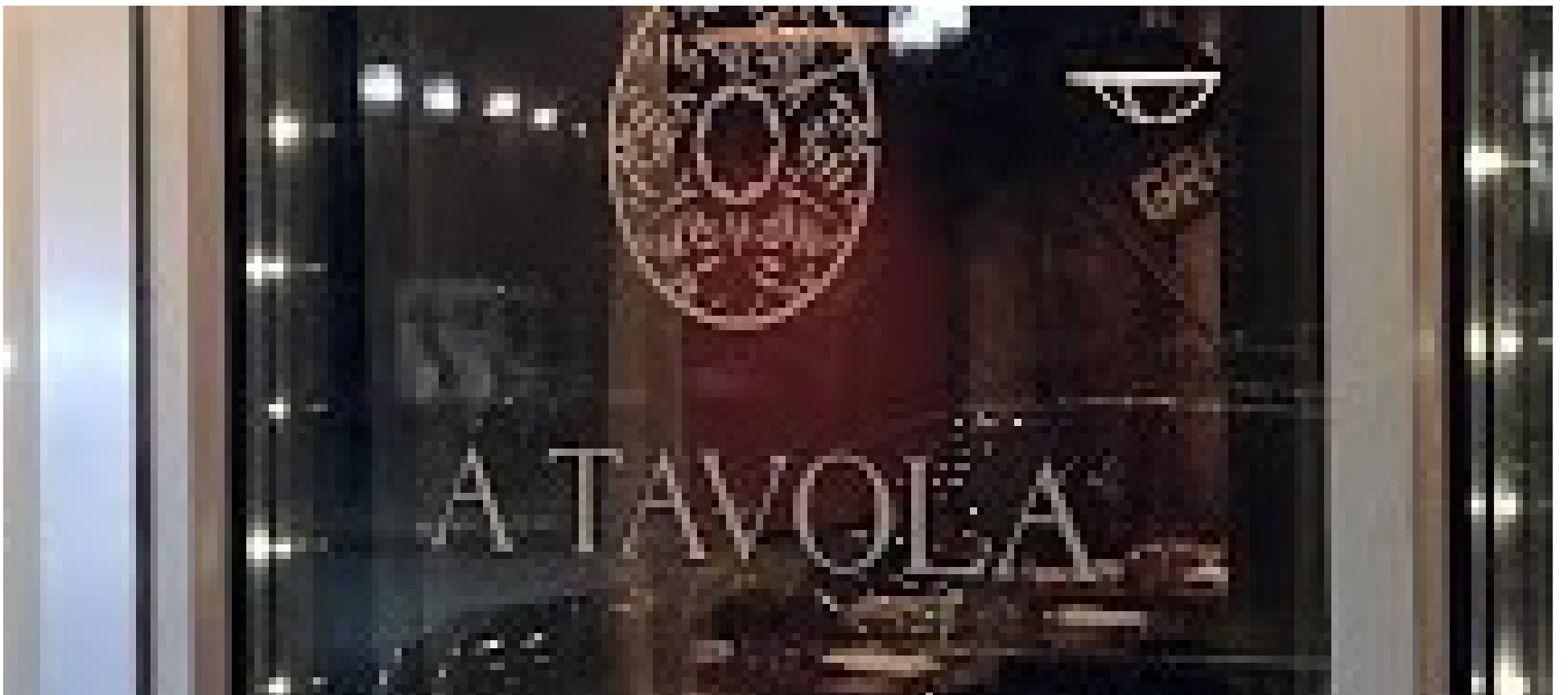
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